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Willie T. Hulon, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), announced the FBI has been meeting with key leaders of the Metropolitan Detroit Arab American and Muslim communities as part of a dialogue on numerous issues, to include the FBI's jurisdiction regarding hate crimes and the intended interviews of members of the Iraqi community.

On Thursday morning, March 20, 2003, the FBI in Detroit will begin a series of interviews of individuals of Iraqi descent which are designed to obtain any information that could be of use during the potential war with Iraq, as well as any other intelligence of value. SAC Hulon would like to emphasize these interviews are voluntary as the FBI is simply seeking assistance. As previously discussed with leaders of the Arab American and Muslim communities, the FBI will aggressively investigate any and

all hate crimes and any acts of retaliation directed towards the Iraqi community or any group targeted simply because of their race, religion or ethnicity. Hate crimes, in addition to other issues, will be discussed during the aforementioned interviews.

We encourage the public to report any information relative to potential acts of violence, terrorism, or hate crimes to the FBI at (313) 965-2323.

The FBI appreciates the assistance and patience of the public during these tense times.